

put down except by the supremacy of mob law. I should
 be happy to see you & converse on the subject. If I have not
 answered your questions with sufficient definiteness, please
 to point out wherein, & I will communicate more fully
 & your affectionate

Resd to Phelps

I on the above subject I write from what I know of
 the feelings of ministers from conversation at different times
 Bro. Mr. Leach of Williamsburg will give you information of Hampshire
 Association - Mountains left - is dispersed -

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Resd to H. A. Phelps

Secretary of the Mass. Anti-Slavery Socy



Boston

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Pl. We have a Baptist minister in Yps - both devoted to active abolition
 I am not acquainted with those in other towns. Bro. Mr. Austin his son is law is
 Resd Dr. Q. of Monson, of our Socy - feel as Dr. Bailey does - I am abolitionist

for its publication, let them do so. We cannot raise a dollar
in this quarter for the Mass Society. I did not pledge anything
at Worcester, but my own subscription. It is my full
intention to attend the proposed convention of the 7th Dec
if I can; & I shall exert myself to prevent a new organization
for the present, until a further effort is made to produce a
better spirit in the State Society. I have written to Whittier to use
all his influence with Garrison, to meliorate him, or his spirit.
I perceive as I think some misgivings on his part in reference
to the movements of certain individuals. His letter to G appeared
to me to show an apprehension that G would come out
with all his violence against the proposed new organ-
ization, & he wished to prevent it - perhaps I am
mistaken. I told him he might make what use he pleased
~~with~~ ^{the} letter, although I prohibited him from using my
name if he should make any part of it public. I wish
we could obtain a meeting of a number of sound men such
as Birney & yourself & some others, to see if something
could not be devised to calm the public mind & awaken
confidence that a better spirit would be fostered. We want
all the moral strength of N.E. enlisted in this cause. This is
now ready to come forward - clergy & churches - but I am free
to say to you, that they will not enlist under G as a leader
nor with him as editor of the State organ. I know the feelings
of the ministers in all this section & in many other parts
of N.E. I was not altogether pleased with some things at W^{orcester}.
With your own course I was entirely satisfied, & I must say
agreeably disappointed, from what I had heard of you. I was
told by some of the ministers, that if I said any thing which would
be construed as a reflection ^{the course of} against G & some others, I should be
shuffled or hissed; & I confess, I expected it once time: there was
a disposition manifested which I did not like, & perhaps you
may remember that I expected it. I was resolved not to be

of the principal leaders in the anti-slavery ranks. I do not know of any local reasons which could operate to produce apathy in the hearts of these brethren. Some of them express alarm at the Antichristian spirit disclosed in some articles in the Liberator, & declare unequivocally that they cannot give their names to an organization which sustains such abominable sentiments - This is the case with most of the benevolent clergy as I was informed by a brother from Hallowell who came to see me upon this subject. He had run a circular to form a new society & he wished to know my sentiments - I then dissuaded him from giving assent, & told him there would soon be strength enough to give a tone to the American Society which must either control these fellows or cut them down. I have earnestly wished to see you & converse with you upon the present state of our cause in Mass. I began a long letter stating some things which I wished to have altered in the Anti-Sl. cause in our State - suggesting what I thought was wrong, & what we ought to amend in - This letter I designed to give you permission to publish in the Liberator - but I have never finished it, partly for want of time, but principally because I thought it would do down the wrath & sarcasm of Garrison & others. I should perhaps be called a traitor or a conservative or anything else, I have stood almost alone as an active chrysonum in this whole section; I mean in our country. I know not why a great moral enterprise should be retarded for the sake of a single individual. I have no feelings of prejudice towards Mr G., but the whole weight does not rest upon his shoulders, & if he will not be advised nor seek to cheer any body, why should he be upheld. Let him take his paper & if a few men are disposed to pay

Springfield Nov 6. 1837

Rev. J. C. Good



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Dear brother. I hasten to answer your inquiries as far as I am able, & will give you my views in brief on subjects of vital importance to our cause.

1 question - We have 19 ministers in our association 5 in Springfield - 2 members of St. L. S. 2 more for they are abolitionists - 1 has doubts of the propriety of any movement.

West Springfield - Iceland parish - Rev. Henry Smith thorough abolitionist - Agawan parish - Reuben J. Haven - do - Hering hills parish - Calvin Foot ready to act with a prudent society. Westfield Rev.

Isaac Knapp & Emerson Davis colleagues; both of them strongly opposed to Henry - say they approve of the principles of the St. L. S. but dislike Garrisonism; ready to afford every facility to teachers &c. - Southwick Rev. H. Fletcher - Do not know his feelings - but believe he is a member of an St. L. - East Granville Rev. Dea

Peasley - an excellent man & stands where the Pastor of Westfield do - Rev. Mr. Eddy ~~stands~~ ^{meets} the same, at West - Granville - Plainfield Rev. Charles Hinckley ditto - Palmer Rev. Samuel Backus - thorough going member of the St. L. - has often spoken for the slave in public. Longmeadow West - Rev. Mr. Debee, just settled - don't

know his sentiments - recently from Andover - East parish - Rev. Mr. Lepper a genuine philanthropist & will certainly go with us - don't know ^{asked} has joined any society - In answer to the 6 question - I say that every pastor mentioned above who has not acted, that I have conversed with of late give as a reason why they do not join any society is the violence

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